DESCRIPTION

The *Journal of Bodywork and Movement Therapies* is a peer-reviewed journal that brings you the latest therapeutic techniques and current professional debate.

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The Journal of Bodywork and Movement Therapies was founded in 1996 by Leon Chaitow, an authority on many topics within the bodywork professions. He passed away in late 2018, having established the current editorial team. The journal is comprised of four specialised sections, each headed and curated by one or more associate editors, all of whom have served in their roles for several years.

JBMT was originally created, in the words of Leon Chaitow:

- To offer material which can both increase our knowledge base while also encouraging creative, intuitive, improvisation in the individual and collective professional evolution of those engaged in health care utilizing manual and movement methods.
- To emphasise integration, rather than separation, between the bodywork modalities and professions JBMT serves.
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- One of JBMT's defining missions has always been the promotion of the potential of those who submit their work for critical consideration, for publication. This includes active mentoring and encouragement of nascent authors, as well as assisting established ones.

Clinical Relevance & Journal Scope

The scope of this journal is broad and integrative, but places a strong emphasis on clinical relevance. This has been a priority since the journal was founded. To better serve readers, as of early 2019, the Editorial Board requires all authors to add a "Clinical Relevance" section at the end of their manuscripts. This should consist of between 2 and 5 brief bullet points highlighting the use, applicability, or implications of their findings with clinicians in mind.

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The Leon Chaitow Award for Excellence in Early Career Research

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The award will consist of:

- An official award certificate naming the authors of the winning articles
- A feature within the April Issue lead editorial each year, highlighting the significance of the content of the winning articles and providing a snapshot of the authors' achievements to date, if provided.
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